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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. INTERAGENCY DISCUSSIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY TO PREPARE
SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS FOR FY 75 FMS REQUEST. APPRECIATE
EFFORTS OF EMBASSY AND MAAG IN PREPARING THOROUGH
ANALYSIS OF ROC MILITARY NEEDS AND ECONOMIC PROSPECTS BASED
ON FIGURE OF DOL 134.5 MILLION AS LISTED IN STATE/DEFENSE
GUIDANCE MESSAGE (REFTEL).

2. IN REVIEWING COUNTRY FIELD SUBMISSIONS AND WORLDWIDE
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CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS, IT HAS BECOME APPARENT THAT TOTAL
OR AGGREGATE WORLDWIDE FIGURE FOR FY 75 FMS IS CONSIDERABLY

HIGHER THAN ANYTHING THE CONGRESS HAS APPROPRIATED IN PREVIOUS YEARS OR SEEMS LIKELY TO APPROPRIATE FOR FY 75. IN ORDER TO PLAN REALISTICALLY FOR LIKELIHOOD OF REDUCED APPROPRIATIONS, WE NEED LISTING OF ROC EQUIPMENT NEEDS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY FOR VARIOUS FMS LEVELS.

3. EMBASSY AND MAAG THEREFORE REQUESTED ON URGENT BASIS TO PREPARE AND FORWARD SUCH LISTING FOR EACH OF FOLLOWING FMS LEVELS (IN MILLIONS OF US DOLS): DOL 134.5, DOL 100, DOL 80, DOL 70. IN PREPARING EQUIPMENT LISTS, GENERAL

CATEGORIES (SUCH AS "AIRCRAFT SUPPORT") MAY BE USED. REQUEST MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT AND CO-PRODUCTION PROJECTS BE SPECIFIED.

4. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT F5E CO-PRODUCTION PROJECT SHOULD BE AFFORDED FIRST PRIORITY FOR EACH FMS LEVEL EXAMINED. RUSH

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